

## Message Text

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ACTION AF-04

INFO OCT-01 SS-14 ISO-00 NSC-05 NSCE-00 INR-05 CIAE-00  
IGA-01 SP-02 L-01 EB-04 OMB-01 TRSE-00 PM-03  
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R 221805Z JUN 77  
FM AMEMBASSY NOUAKCHOTT  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 7679  
INFO AMEMBASSY RABAT

C O N F I D E N T I A L NOUAKCHOTT 1427

LIMDIS

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: MASS, MO, MR  
SUBJECT: POSSIBLE DIVERSION OF M.A.P. MATERIAL

REF: NOUAKCHOTT 1426

1. US CITIZEN AIRCRAFT MECHANICS WORKING ON NOUAKCHOTT AIRPORT  
FLIGHT LINE DURING KIFFA REINFORCEMENT OPERATION REPORT THAT  
20 TO 40 CASES OF 81 MM MORTAR SHELLS BEARING CLEARLY VISIBLE  
RED-WHITE-BLUE US HANDCLASP SHIEDL WERE LOADED ABOARD  
MAURITANIAN AIRCRAFT LIGTING MEN, AMMUNITION, AND EQUIPMENT  
TO KIFFA ON JUNE 18 (REFETL). AMCIT O SERVRS SAW ONLY  
EXTERIOR OF CASES; THEY CANNOT CONFIRM CASES ACTUALLY  
CONTAINED 81 MM SHELLS OR THAT SHELLS WERE OF U.S. ORIGIN.

2. CIRUCMSTANTIAL EVIDENCE NEVERTHELESS SUGGESTS VERY  
STRONGLY THAT MOROCCAN ARMED FORCES HAVE TRANSFERRED U.S.  
MILITARY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM AMMUNITION TO THIER MAURITANIAN  
ALLIES.

3. SO FAR AS THIS EMBASSY IS AWARE, WRITTEN PERMISSION FROM  
USG FOR TRANSFER OF US MAP MATERIAL STIPULATED BY US STATUTE  
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WAS NOT RPT NOT SOUGHT OR OBTAINED BY GOM, NOR PROHIBITION  
OF FURTHER ONWARD TRANSFER AGREED TO IN WRITING BY GIRM.

4. PLEASE INSTRUCT.

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